



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®
San Francisco District

Project Map

SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK

SAN MATEO and SANTA CLARA COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: 12th District, Rep. Tom Lantos; 14th District, Rep. Anna Eshoo

STUDY DESCRIPTION: The San Francisquito Creek affects the cities of Menlo Park, Palo Alto and East Palo Alto on the San Francisco Bay peninsula. As a result of record rainfall in February 1998, San Francisquito Creek overtopped its banks, affecting approximately 1,700 residential and commercial structures and causing more than \$26.6 million in property damages. After the floods a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) was formed to pursue flood control and restoration opportunities in the area. A damage assessment study was made to determine the need for repair and potential future damages. A risk-based analysis was completed in March 2000, and indicated annual damages as high as \$8.4 million for the Palo Alto reach. The Report recommended the Corps proceed to a Section 905(b) Expedited Reconnaissance Phase study of potential Federal participation in flood control improvements along the creek.

FISCAL YEAR 03 BUDGET: \$0

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS: Installation and/or repair of existing levees on the San Francisquito Creek.

PRESENT STATUS: Because a Reconnaissance Report has not yet been authorized, at the request of the JPA, a Section 205 study has been initiated to investigate the feasibility and federal interest in a flood control project

FUTURE EFFORTS: Should the Initial Assessment of the San Francisquito Section 205 indicate a potential federal interest, the San Francisco District will initiate a Detailed Project Report subject to availability of funds.